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STATE FOR S/P FOR ARMACOST;

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SUBJECT: VOLSPKR ARMACOST

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1. WE EXPECT ARMACOST MAKE USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON U.S. RELATIONS WITH ASIA, ESPECIALLY SEA, AFTER VIETNAM. RELEVANT ISSUES WOULD INCLUDE: FUTURE U.S. MILITARY ROLE; ITS EVOLVING ECONOMIC POLICIES, WITH EMPHASIS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMODITY PRICE STABILIZATION AND ACCESS FOR LDCS TO INDUSTRIAL MARKETS; U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARDS ASEAN AS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REGIONAL GROUPING, ESPECIALLY POLICY REGARDING CREATION OF ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY; IMPACT OF U.S., SOVIET UNION AND CHINA RELATIONS ON SEA. ISSUES OF MALACCA STRAITS AND U.S. BUILD-UP IN INDIAN OCEAN WILL CERTAINLY ARISE IN DISCUSSION. OTHER MAJOR CONCERNS: U.S. ISOLATIONISM--CAN ANY SEA COUNTRY EXPECT U.S. MILITARY AID AGAIN IF THREATENED WITH AGGRESSION? ALSO KEEN INTEREST IN LATEST WASHINGTON APPRAISAL OF INSURGENCY DANGER.

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2. AUDIENCES WILL BE MAINLY MEDIA AND ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES,

MOST OF WHOM SUPPORT GOVERNMENTS NEUTRALITY POLICIES, AND STRONGLY CRITICAL OF PAST U.S. ROLE IN SEA, ESPECIALLY INDOCHINA; MANY FEEL THAT WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FROM AREA ENABLES SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AT LAST TO ACHIEVE REGION OF PEACE AND SECURITY, ULTIMATELY INCLUDING INDOCHINA COUNTRIES. POST PROPOSES ONE EVENING LECTURE/DISCUSSION PROGRAM AT LINCOLN CENTER, WITH PANEL OF TWO OR THREE MALAYSIAN EXPERTS TO COMMENT AND RAISE QUESTIONS; A LECTURE DISCUSSION WITH "INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB", INCLUDING STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT UNIVERSITY MALAYA (IF UNIVERSITY STILL IN SESSION AT TIME OF VISIT), AND POSSIBLY DISCUSSION SESSION WITH OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. POST WOULD NEED TWO PROGRAM DAYS.

3. NOT PRACTICABLE TO USE VTR, WITH THESE PROGRAMS.
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